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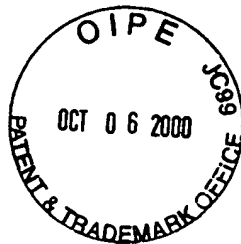
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Appl No : 09/611,365

Filed : July 6, 2000

For : INTERNET FACSIMILE APPARATUS AND E-MAIL RECEIVING
METHOD



Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned

Examiner:

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97-1.98,

Applicant(s) hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 08-242326, which was published on September 17, 1996, along with counterpart U.S. Patent No. 5,881,233 to TOYODA et al., entitled "Facsimile Mail Apparatus", which was issued on March 9, 1999. Applicant notes that these documents are discussed on pages 1 and 2 of the above-referenced specification;

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 09-116728, which was published on May 2, 1997, along with counterpart U.S. Patent No. 5,812,278 to TOYODA et al., entitled "Image Communication Method, Facsimile Type Electronic Mail Apparatus and Facsimile Apparatus", which was issued on September 22, 1998. Applicant notes that

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these documents are discussed on page 3 of the above-referenced specification; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,094,277 to TOYODA et al., entitled "Internet Facsimile Apparatus and E-Mail Communication Method", which was issued on July 25, 2000.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/099,528 to SAITO et al., entitled "Internet Facsimile and E-Mail Reception Method", which was filed on June 18, 1998; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/104,177 to SAITO et al., entitled "Internet Facsimile Apparatus Information Terminal Device", which was file on June 25, 1998.

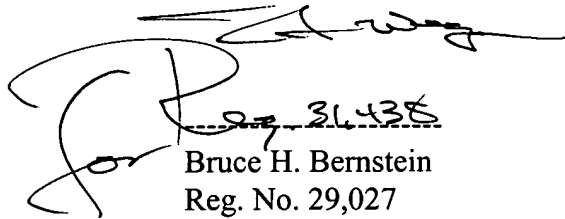
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-mentioned applications are not attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to review the file wrappers of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Of course, if for any reason the Examiner cannot locate any of the applications, Applicant

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will provide any requested materials, if possible.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

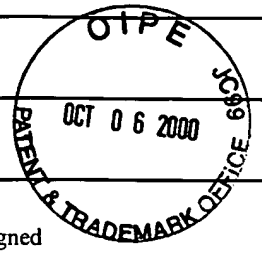
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	5 8 8 1 2 3 3	03/09/1999	TOYODA et al.			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

1	English Language Abstract of JP 8-242326.
2	English Language Abstract of JP 9-116728.

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